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The Kent County Show at Detling over the weekend featured some of the top pedigree animals in the UK, including Everest, a prize-winning Hereford bull bred by Sonia Purchese at her farm in Bossingham, between Folkestone and Canterbury. She said: "He is a magnificent beast and will be sent out to stud. That way we can ensure that future generations of cattle will continue to prosper."

# BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A ROW has broken out among councillors about which political group represents the best value for money, after figures were released of all members' expenses.

More than £300,000 was claimed in total during the past year, the latest accounts on

Shepway council's website reveal.

All councillors are entitled to a basic allowance of £3,867 a year, with a special responsibility allowance paid to those with executive roles.

Expenses are for extra items above these allowances, including for travel and subsis-

The Liberal Democrats said their average of £242.33 per councillor for expenses compared with the Conservatives' £405.92 showed they were doing best, although the Tories disputed these figures as "disingenuous and deliberately misleading".

Lynne Beaumont, the Lib Dems' group leader on Shepway, said: "This is not to do with allowances, but everything to do with expenses claimed on top of the allowances.

"Are you getting value for your money? In these days of cuts, job losses and hardship for thousands of people, the Conservative group continues to claim expenses on a large scale. "Tm sure the Conservative answer will be

that they are not breaking rules, and that all claims are within the constitution and the law.

"Well, where have we heard that one before? All Conservative and People First councillors should ask themselves: 'Just because I can,

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**Selected Therapists Only** 

# Flytippers are warned off by talking camera

# BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A TALKING camera that warns off potential flytippers and vandals is the latest weapon to be used by Shepway council.

The FlashCam, thought to be the first time such a device has been used in Kent, has already seen a reduction in crime at a Cheriton

charity shop.

As well as taking a picture, a speaker at the front and triggered by a sensor, says: "Stop, if you are flytipping or any other illegal activity, your photo has been taken and will be used to prosecute you."

The camera will be taken around the district to flytipping and other antisocial behaviour 'hot-spots' and the results are being watched keenly by neighbouring authorities.

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Deputy council leader Rory Love, who was at the camera's official launch at a notorious flytipping site in Harvey Passage, off Harvey Street in Folkestone, said: "This camera keeps an eye on an area which used to be a magnet for flytipping, littering and rubbish.

"What happens now, every time someone comes along here, if they hang around here for a period of time the camera picks up the fact, takes a photo and tells them that they have been caught on camera.

'It then asks them if they're about to do something antisocial, if they're about to drop litter, to move on

"One resident who we wrote to as a council just a few weeks ago explaining what we were going to do came up to us and said: This is fantastic, this is working, well done'.

"That's really good news because it's not about what Shepway council



WARNING: The FlashCam speaking camera

can do, it's about what all of us can do for the community, how we can keep the place that much cleaner."

Sue Wallace, ward councillor for Folkestone Harbour, said: "This area has been a temple for flytipping for a long, long time, but it would be so much better if people

"Now they will have to, because if they flytip here, they'll be prosecut-ed and that really will help make the community cleaner."

The cabinet member for community safety, Hugh Barker, added: "We hope to run it in other parts of the town. We hope to go to areas we know there are problems, particularly before they become too serious.

"It takes a huge number of photographs which can be downloaded and that way we hope to catch the people and we will prosecute them—there's no doubt about that.

"We have had problems on Romney Marsh and we've used covert cameras, but this one is there for everybody to see - it gives you a warning so you have no excuse if vou're caught.'

# **Charity worker is** among new priests

A CHARITY worker from Folkestone was ordained by the Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams at a service this month.

Richard Bellamy, 47, who works for he Folkestone-based Mission Aviation Fellowship, will serve his curacy as a self-supporting priest, an

unpaid part-time role, at the benefice of Cheriton and Newington.

He became a Christian when a friend helped him through a time of crisis in the 1980s and has attended Folkestone St John's with his wife Carol and two sons since 1995.

Richard was one of seven men and seven women ordained at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday, July 3.

# **Plea for witnesses** after park robbery

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a disabled man was punched, kicked off his scooter and robbed in a park in Cheriton.

The man was riding his mobility-scooter in Cheriton Park in Stanley Road between 9.30 and 10.30am on Wednesday, July 7, and had almost reached the bowls club when two people came up behind him.

They punched him, kicked over his scooter and stole £150 and two

mobile phones from him.

It is thought one of the offenders was wearing builders' gloves.

Witnesses should phone DC Kane Clifford on 01303 289188 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

If you live in Cheriton and have concerns about crime, call the Cheriton Neighbourhood Team on 01303 289271.

# **Exhibition raises cash** for child witnesses

THE Grand Hotel in Folkestone has presented a £750 cheque to the East Kent Child Witness Service after a Dr Syn exhibition.

The charity supports children who have been called to give evidence in court, either as witnesses or victims.

Trained volunteers who know how to guide youngsters through the criminal justice system can help anyone up to the age of 17.

Robert Richardson, general manager of The Grand, thanked staff and residents in a newsletter.

For details about EKCWS, you can visit www.victimsupport.org.uk.

# Four schools join academy plan

FOUR schools in Shepway have applied to join the Government's flagship academy programme, which could bring the district total to six. Folkestone School For Girls and

Brockhill Performing Arts College in Saltwood, together with St Eanswythe's in Folkestone and Sandgate Primary, are among those listed by the Department For Education.

If successful, they will join the Folkestone Academy and the Folkestone Primary Academy, which opened in 2007 and 2009.

Academy status gives schools greater freedom from the local authority and from the national curriculum. They can set their own pay

for staff and change term dates. Depending on the progress of the academies bills being debated in

Parliament, the schools could be

changing their status as early as September.

Those in Shepway are among 95 in Kent and Medway to have expressed an interest since being invited to apply by education secretary Michael

Unlike the previous Labour government, which focused on poorperforming schools, high-achieving primaries and secondaries including grammars are now eligible.

Sandgate primary is among those rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted that will be offered a fast-track process to become an academy. All will be offered a conversion grant of £25,000.

Brockhill principal Sonette Schwartz said: "The governors are considering academy status but will be seeking assurances regarding the safeguarding of the farm.

"Governors will fully consult with stakeholders before a final decision."

However, a report by Kent County Council's education department warned about the effect on funding.

It said: "New academies should receive the same level of per-pupil funding as local maintained schools. authority-

"However, they will also receive a share of the local-authority budget that provides for central services and substantial top-up funding to meet additional responsibilities."

The report stressed the policy was not creating a "level playing field" for schools in the county.

KCC leader Paul Carter has urged

heads to exercise "extreme caution" before agreeing to become academies because not enough information on the scheme had been released.

# Gurkhas mourn loss of trio to rogue assassin

# BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

THE hunt is still on for the rebel Afghan soldier who gunned down three members of a Folkestone-based regiment in Helmand last week.

The bodies of Major James Joshua Bowman, 34, Lieutenant Neal Turkington, 26, and Corporal Arjun Purja Pun, 33, from the 1st Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles, were driven through Wootton Bassett yesterday after being flown back to RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire.

They were killed on Tuesday, July 13, while on duty in Nahr-e-Sarj.

The suspect, named locally as Talib Hussein, is the subject of a huge manhunt and is believed to be hiding with the Taliban. In a phone interview with the BBC, 21-year-old Hussein claimed responsibility and accused British troops of killing civilians, including children.

Lt Turkington and Cpl Pun were killed when he fired a rocket-propelled grenade into the company departs. Mai Parmer form Schicker proper

Lt Turkington and Cpl Pun were killed when he fired a rocket-propelled grenade into the command centre. Maj Bowman, from Salisbury, was described as a "brave leader" by Lt Col Gerald Strickland MBE, commanding officer of the battalion

"The tragedy of his loss is beyond words," he said. "It is a bitter irony that after driving the insurgents back throughout his area, he was gunned down as he slept in the supposed security of his patrol base."

A statement from Maj Bowman's family said he would be sadly missed by family and friends: "He loved the Army and was proud of the selfless work that he and his commany were doing."

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Lt Turkington, from Northern Ireland, was



BRAVE TRIO: From left, Major James Joshua Bowman, Lieutenant Neal Turkington and Corporal Arjun Purja Pun were killed in the murderous attack by a roque Afghan soldier

about to celebrate his 27th birthday when he died. His family said they were devastated by his death. A statement read: "One of Neal's proudest moments was hearing he had been commissioned to join the Royal Gurkha Rifles.

"He felt honoured and privileged to serve with such distinguished, courageous and loyal men.

"Neal was jovial, kind, considerate and loyal to his family and friends. Our family were inspired by his presence and generosity.

"He was relentless and steadfast in his pursuit of those causes he believed in with his passion for making a difference whatever the circumstance.

"We are all so proud of him – we couldn't have asked for a finer son, brother and friend."

His comrades – who referred to him as The Turk – called him a courageous platoon com-

mander and true friend. Cpl Pun, who was raised and recruited from Khibang village in the Magdi district in Nepal, was enlisted into the British Army in 1995 after a gruelling selection process.

His wife, Durga, said: "Arjun Puja Pun was a tremendous husband. He was proud to be a soldier and died doing a job he loved. We are devastated by the loss of Arjun, who was a loving husband and father. We are proud that he was prepared to do his duty helping the people of Afghanistan."

He was described as determined and brave by his comrades, and "a top-rated soldier". Major Simon Archer said: "He will be remembered for his true Gurkha spirit and ever-present smile."

1st Bn RGR is based at Shorncliffe and divides its training between there and Brunei.

# Tories defend high claims in expenses row

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE does that mean I should?"

However, Shepway council and Tory group leader Robert Bliss hit back: "This is disingenuous and deliberately misleading.

"Averages generally disguise rather more than they reveal, and this is a blatant case in point."

Cllr Bliss said there were three main reasons that Conservative councillors claimed more money.

These were that:

- Nine of their members made up the cabinet and were much busier and more regularly in Civic Centre.
- Tory members were more spread out across the district than other parties and travelled more miles for meetings.
- Tory members took up the lion's share of posts on committees and also dealt with outside agencies.

## **Dangerous**

Cllr Bliss said: "Averages are dangerous statistical tools. Several Conservative councillors claim literally none of the expenses to which they are entitled. The same is true of some Liberal Democrats.

"Given that almost half of the Conservative councillors do not live in the Folkestone area, and are therefore often away from home for more than four hours when attending a meeting, they should be congratulated on seldom submitting a claim for the subsistence to which they are entitled.

"In the light of the above, it is clear Conservative councillors represent excellent value for money, and that any small difference in expenses claimed simply reflects their greater workload."

# Respite from din as stereo seized

NOISY tenants who blasted out songs by Michael Jackson and Neil Diamond, causing the walls to shake, have had their stereo and speakers seized by Shepway council.

Neighbours complained after they were forced to endure the constant din from a flat in Trevarra Court in Bouverie Road West, Folkestone.

Despite serving a noise-abatement order on one of the tenants, the volume continued to be so high that it made walls shake and light fittings vibrate.

The council then secured a war-

The council then secured a warrant from magistrates to enter the flat and with the help of police seized televisions, a stereo, speakers and DVD-players.

The equipment will be confiscated for 28 days and returned only if the owner agrees to pay costs.

# **Indecency charge**

A MAN has been charged after reports he was naked and allegedly pleasuring himself in the centre of Folkestone.

Police were called to Lower Sandgate Road on Saturday morning and arrested 44-year-old Geoffrey Charles Arthur.

Arthur, of Tontine Street, was charged with outraging public decency. He was released on bail to appear before Folkestone magistrates on Monday next week.

# Beheading 'insult' private sent home from Afghanistan

A GURKHA soldier serving in Afghanistan has been sent back to Shorncliffe barracks after hacking the head off a dead Taliban leader.

The private, from 1st Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles, based at the Folkestone garrison, was attempting to prove the identity of the man killed during a fierce firefight, reported the Daily Mail.

However, after coming under heavy fire he used his kukri knife, a weapon and tool of Gurkha regiments, to remove the head. Mutilation is a gross insult to Muslims, who bury the entire body of their dead, even if they have to find missing parts.

find missing parts.

Colonel Richard Kemp, a former commander of British forces in Afghanistan, told the newspaper: "In this case, it appears that the soldier was not acting maliciously, but his actions were clearly ill-judged.

"The Gurkhas are a very fine regiment with a proud tradition of service in the British forces and have fought

very bravely in Afghanistan.
"I have no doubt that this behaviour

would be as strongly condemned by the other members of that regiment, as it would by all soldiers in the British forces."

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said: "We are aware of an incident and have informed the Afghan authorities. An investigation is under way and it would not be appropriate to comment further until this is concluded."

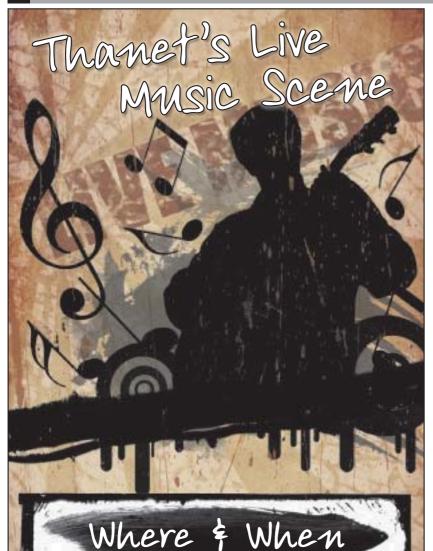
The Gurkha unit had been seeking a high-profile target, a Taliban commander, and wanted to prove they had killed the right man. The soldier in question reportedly told investigators he unsheathed his kukri as he had run out of ammunition.

If found guilty, he would have breached the Geneva Convention, which governs the rules of war.

The Gurkha is now confined to Shorncliffe barracks while awaiting disciplinary action and could face a possible court-martial and jail.

The incident came only days after three troops serving with 1RGR were killed by a rogue Afghan soldier (see full story above).





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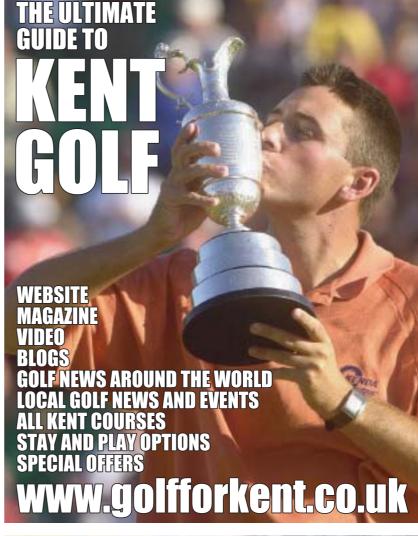
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**HOT METAL:** Taking shape at travelling forge

# Show of pride in Kentish ways

# BY NICK AMES

THOUSANDS flocked to the Kent County Show at the weekend to enjoy a three-day celebration of the very best of the Garden of England.

Prize-winning animals, food and drink and the latest in farming technology were all on display at the Detling showground during the county's biggest annual event.

Young farmers displayed livestock amid much talk about what lies ahead for the agri-

culture industry.
Changes in the traditional way of life for land-workers were plain to see, from modern tractors to mobile horseshoe-makers working from the back of a van. Farrier Phil Dunmall, from Yalding, said: "We change with the times. There's no longer a forge in every village. We come to those who need us.'

The only complaint from visitors was about the traffic congestion, with some reportedly taking two hours to get out of the car park, while all traffic on leaving the arena was routed to the M2 roundabout, which has several sets of traffic lights, causing further delays.

Why Farming Matters' was the theme of the event, highlighting the importance of agri-

culture to the economy. Farmers emphasised how their work was of continuing importance to

the prosperity of rural Sonia Purchese breeds Hereford cattle at her farm in Bossingham,

between Folkestone and Canterbury. She said: "Farming and agriculture is at the heart of Kent. It has been a way of life in the county for centuries and even

in these difficult times provides jobs and a future for many. "The cattle we breed are in quite short supply and we sell our pedigree animals across the UK,

ensuring stocks continue to thrive. Agriculture is such a valuable resource to the county. Teacher Francesca Rice is based at Ashford's North School, which runs its own farm. "It gives the pupils the chance to learn of



**SMALL WONDER:** Holly McNicol with Domino

the relationship between the land and food," she said. Holly McNicol, 20, from Meopham, was exhibiting her rabbit, Domino, which won first

prize in a small-animals

"I help with a school's young farmers' club," she said. "Young people need to know about the importance of the land in the 21st century.

The eco-village stressed environmentallyfriendly techniques can help the countryside to be preserved as well as exploit its resources in a sustainable manner.

It included food and children's toys, as well as solar- and wind-powered technologies.
Vicky Whitlock organ-

ised this part of the event. She said: "While a lot of

farmers wouldn't necessarily call themselves green, they do understand how the land needs to be used properly and protected."

· A man was taken to hospital from the showground after being kicked by a horse. He was kept overnight for observation but released the next day.



**TOP PRIZE:** Rosette is pinned to a proud winner



SEEN AND HERD: Young farmers await the scrutiny of the judges after leading their cattle into the Detling show ring



**OLD FAITHFUL:** Classic machines in the tractor parade



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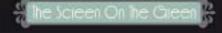
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Key to the Castle tickets are not valid for this event.









# Jari plans to 'cross' Finland on his bike

CYCLIST Jari Lyden is taking a 1,300km "Long Hot Summer" ride through his Finnish homeland in a route which will mirror his country's flag.

Currently practising on a route between Folkestone and Ashford Mr Lyden is raising funds for children's educational charity PLAN.

Mr Lyden said: "I shall start on July 22 in Utsjoki and set off through the length of the country. Then I shall ride the width of Finland – at

its widest point.

He hopes to be finished by July 27 – his birthday.

birthday.

"It will truly be a day of celebration," he said.
To sponsor him, go to www.justgiving.com/pitkakuumakesa.



CYCLIST: Jari Lyden

# **Search on for Daisy**

CONCERNS are growing for the whereabouts of a missing 15-year-old girl from Folkestone who has not been seen for two weeks and may be in the Dover area.

Daisy Smith was last spotted at 6pm on Thursday, July 1, at the top of the town's Old High Street, after spending the day at Folkestone Academy.

She is 5ft 4in tall, of small to medium build, with mousey-brown shoulder-length hair and hazel/green eyes.

It is thought she could be in either Folkestone or Dover.

Anyone who has seen Daisy or knows of where she might be can phone police on 01303 289180 or Missing People on 0500 700 700.

# Gurkhas hit the road to aid Afghan community

# BY NICK AMES

GURKHA soldiers have been helping clear a road that will connect impoverished parts of Afghanistan with a commercial centre.

Insurgent intimidation of villagers, improvised explosive devices and insurgent attacks have failed to halt progress as the Folkestone-based soldiers and the local community work together to clear the route for a major road – known as Route Trident.

Situated in Southern Nahr-e-Saraj in Helmand Province, the village of Walizi is on the route that links the provincial capital at Lashkar Gah to the economic hub at Gereshk and falls under the operational area of B Company, 1st Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles.

The Coldstream Guards oversaw the construction of the first seven kilometres during Phase 1 of Route Trident before they left in April.

Now the Gurkhas are carrying on with Phase 2, which will see them provide protection to the Royal Engineers as the road is driven south, bringing freedom of movement and trade to the local population.

The dilapidated state of the old road means the journey for traffic takes hours. The ultimate





**ROAD TO FREEDOM:** Soldiers from B Company, 1st Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles oversee the building of the new road

plan is to have a tarmac road, but in the meantime the construction will provide a firm and safe surface which will drastically reduce journey times.

The road is being solidly constructed using carpet-like membranes, tough plastic neo-cells and high-quality aggregates and stone. It will hold together well despite heavy vehicles and harsh weather conditions. Local people are being employed to carry out some of the work

which brings cash into the local economy.

Local taxi drivers have supported the development as they see their journeys becoming

The Commander of Task Force Helmand, Brigadier Richard Felton, visited the Gurkhas and inspected progress.

He said: "Route Trident is a perfect example of how we're extending governance by improving freedom of movement."



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# **QUESTION & ANSWER LOIS GADD**



# What is your role at the brewery?

Officially, I am company secretary and a director. In reality, I do all the jobs that aren't anything to do with the brewing side of the business. My daily tasks are book-keeping, ringing round for orders and preparing delivery runs. I am also responsible for paperwork.

# Where is the brewery based?

In a small unit on Pysons Road industrial estate. I normally enjoy a morning ride across the fields to get to work.

# What is your favorite tipple and why?

Gadd's No 3 because it's a beer I can enjoy A Gadd's No 3 because its a beer i can cange at the end of the day with my husband Eddie over dinner, when the children are finally in bed. If I'm feeling nostalgic, I'll have a Dogbolter and be transported back to the Flounder And Firkin in Holloway Road, Islington, where Eddie and I met.

# Does location inspire your beer in any way?

East Kent has definitely influenced the Abeers. Many have nautical themes and the summer seasonals are brewed to be drunk beside the seaside. The beers are Eddie's as he has the ideas and develops recipes, but I know he's proud of Thanet, and our brewery is named after the town in which it was born.

# Why do you think people should have a pint of Gadd's rather than other beers?

Beer is like food in that you can taste the effort, care and attention that went into making a good pint. Staff at the brewery are passionate and dedicated to producing quality ale. With our wide selection, chances are you can find something that tickles your taste buds. The next reason I would hope people would drink our beers is the local angle. We use Kent hops, supporting the local economy.

# You've won so many awards, is it still an honour?

Always, as it's recognition of the quality we strive for. As most of our beer is sold directly to pubs, we don't get a lot of contact with drinkers, so awards involving public voting are particularly valued. The brewing industry is growing in Kent, so there'll be stiff competition in future – it's not a time to rest on our laurels.

# What's the secret to producing good beer?

You'd have to ask Eddie - I just enjoy the fruits of his labour – but he assures me a good deal of sampling of the beer, in a pub, is imperative.

# Where do you source your ingredients?

About 95 per cent of our hops are grown in Kent, either at Brooke Farm, Wingham, or near Canterbury. Malt is grown and malted in Wiltshire, but we're hoping to have a local farmer grow the barley, starting later this year. The water is from Thanet.

# What can we expect in the coming years?

More weird and wonderful brews, I hope. A Eddie is the driving force on where we go next. I'm the boring one doing the paperwork and telling him how much he can spend.

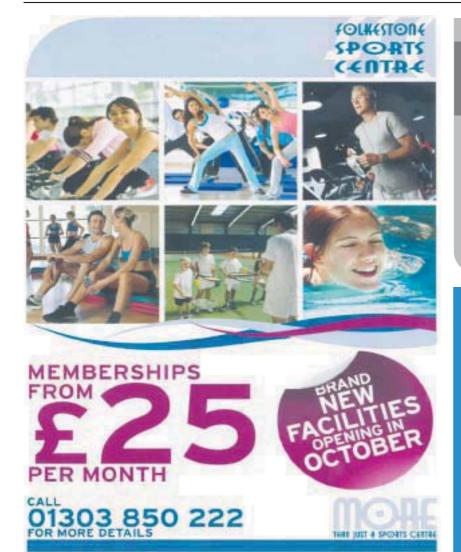
# What do you enjoy most about your job?

The many compliments we receive from people who have tried and liked our beer.

## What interests do you have away from work?

We have two children, Summer, nine, and A Stanley, five, who tie up a lot of my spare time. I help to run the Ramsgate branch of Woodcraft Folk, a national organisation that, in its own words, is "an educational movement for children and young people which aims to develop self-confidence and activity in society, with the aim of building a world based on equality, friendship, peace and cooperation".

Lois Gadd of the award-winning Ramsgate Brewery talks to **Tom Betts** about the secret of good ale, why sampling the beer in a pub is essential and why the brewery's Gadd's No 3 is her favourite tipple





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# **Cuts put schools** under threat

PLANS to redevelop school sites in Shepway hang in the balance after the Government announced savage cuts to its £55billion rebuilding programme.

Seven schools in the district remain under threat of having their projects scrapped, after the announcement by Education Secretary Michael Gove in the Commons last week.

Those in Folkestone affected include Pent Valley, Harvey Grammar and the Folkestone School for Girls. The Brook Education Centre, a pupil referral unit in Parkfield Road, has also been hit.

The proposed move of special schools Highview in Folkestone and Foxwood in Hythe to the Brockhill Park site in Saltwood is also under threat.

## 'Disappointed'

Kent County Council leader Paul Carter said he was "enormously disappointed" at the news but would look at how the authority could still receive funding in future.

"We need time to take stock of our position and reflect on the announcement," he said.

"I would like to see all the people involved coming together to talk about innovative ways of revitalising secondary schools. We stand ready to offer any assistance to the Government's review panel."

Shepway MP Damian Collins has written to the schools affected and said the "best possible case" will be made to the Government about which projects should go forward:

"It is important to note that the whole programme is being reviewed by the Government to see how it can be made more efficient, and less expensive.

# No word on the **HG Wells story** competition

A SHORT story competition being held to celebrate the works of HG Wells has failed to attract even one entry – despite the £1,000 prize.

Budding young writers were invited to send in their short stories to Reginald Turnill, a former BBC aerospace correspondent who interviewed Wells as a young reporter, creating a picture of contemporary life in Kent.

But due to what Mr Turnill now believes

were too strict rules, he has had to change the entry conditions.

The 94-year-old said: "I wanted people to write the stories by hand as a condition of entry to address the low standard of literacy and handwriting these days.

"It's an important art in itself and many of our most famous authors find that's the best

way to do creative writing.
"I also wanted the stories to reflect life in 2010 so they would interest readers in 2110, in the way that HG Wells' stories do.

"My aim in offering the £1,000 prize was to get people to mimic what HG Wells did in the 1900s."

## BY **MARIJKE COX**

Mr Turnill said last year's HG Wells competition entries consisted mostly of sci-fi: "Last year there were plenty of entries, because the competition was open to writers of all ages and stories could include science fiction depicting ghastly invasions of our everyday lives by all

sorts of nameless horrors," he said.
"This year there is a separate £250 prize for writers aged over 25, and those entries are com-

ing in.
"But I'm afraid for the younger category my conditions have proved too difficult for our local talent and I will have to water them down.

The closing date has been extended and sci-fi stories will now be considered. Handwritten stories will get extra marks, but are not obligatory.

The competition forms part of the HG Wells festival in Folkestone, where the author known as the father of science fiction – spent 13  $\,$ years of his life.

Wells was one of the influential writers of the 20th century, famous for novels including The War of the Worlds and The Invisible Man.



FATHER OF SCIENCE FICTION: HG Wells in Sandgate where he spent 13 years of his life writing major works

He penned many of his works during his time in Sandgate, including The History of Mr Polly and Kipps, which featured scenes from the area.

But in 1909, controversy surrounding his novel A Modern Utopia led him and his family to move to London.

To celebrate the great author's works and mark the hundred years since he left Sandgate, Mr Turnill came up with the idea of an HG Wells festival in 2009.

Part of the event was a short story competition where a 13-year-old boy from the William Harvey Grammar scooped the prize.

But coming into its second year, the festival which runs from September 17-19 at The Grand on the Leas in Folkestone – has been unable to attract story entries as it did last year.

The £1,000 prize is due to be presented by HG Wells' great grandson Prof Dominic Wells.

Judges include novelist Sandra Howard, the wife of former Tory leader Michael Howard.

The festival will be opened by Alex Wells, great, great grandson of HG Wells.

Download an entry form and see details about the festival at http://www.wellsfestival.com.





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# High flyers lured by academy pus

BY MARIJKE COX

SOME of Kent's highest achieving schools seem destined to break away from local authority control as they push to become academies.

Eleven of those rated "outstanding" by Ofsted have already started formal proceedings to become academies, just weeks after education secretary Michael Gove invited all schools to apply. Subject to parliamentary approval of the academies bill, the schools could change as soon as September.

Schools converting to academies will be given more independence and responsibility, despite remaining publicly funded. That includes the ability to set their own pay for staff, have greater control of budgets and freedom from the National Curriculum.

New figures show 95 schools in Kent and nine in Medway have expressed an interest in becoming academies. Unlike the Labour academies policy, which focused on poor-performing schools, high-achieving primaries and secondaries, including grammars, are being encouraged by the new Government to convert.

These schools will be offered a one-off £25,000 payment in the form of a conversion grant. But County Hall officials and education experts don't like it. A report to be discussed by

# SCHOOLS NOW UNDERGOING FORMAL ACADEMY PROCESS

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SECONDARY

Castle Community College, Deal Dartford Grammar (boys) Fulston Manor, Sittingbourne Highsted Grammar, Sittingbourne Sandwich Technology Canterbury High (federation with Canterbury Primary)

Chatham House Grammar (federation with Clarendon House Grammar), Ramsgate Clarendon House Grammar (federation with Chatham House

Grammar), Ramsgate Hayesbrook School, Tonbridge Westlands (federation with Woodgrove Primary),

Sittinabourne

funding and equality.

It states: "New academies should receive the same level of per-pupil funding as local authority maintained schools."However, new academies will also receive a share of the local

KCC's education department touched on the impact the new academy policy could have on

# Teacher suspensions double in a year

THE number of teachers suspended from classroom duties in Kent has more than dou-

bled in just a year. Figures obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request to County Hall revealed how one teacher a week is being suspended from primary and secondary schools in Kent.

In 2008-09, the total for the year was 19, but this more than doubled in 2009-10, with 43 being temporarily taken out of the classroom. Reasons for suspensions included child protection issues, which can range from allegations of verbal abuse, unreasonable force against a pupil and, in worst cases, indecent

Almost £300,000 was spent in 2009-10 providing cover for those suspended, with £260,648 the previous year and in 2007-08 where the number of suspended teachers was 31 - £265,053. The figures did not include schools in Medway, which was unable to provide details. A Kent County Council spokesman said the authority made it clear schools should avoid suspension wherever possible, but sometimes it was unavoidable.

"Child protection suspensions are necessary when an allegation is made against a member of staff," he said. We need to make sure the allegation is fully investigated without the member of staff being at work.

But teachers' unions say the majority of investigations are later dropped and there have been cases of false allegations by pupils.

Marian Darke, regional secretary for the National Union of Teachers (NUT), said she was surprised by the figures and criticised the suspension policy.

"We believe it is a problem where the tendency is to suspend teachers first, then carry out an investigation later," she said.

"The vast majority of cases are dropped and the allegations unfounded. It seems

they are guilty until proven innocent.

Ms Darke said allegations can be distressing for teachers, which can lead to many not returning to the classroom.

"When it is seen that a member of staff is not at school, rumours spread and it makes it difficult for teachers to come back, even if they are innocent," she said. "The situation needs to be handled better."

Of the teachers 43 suspended in 2009-10, eight have returned to the school, 18 have not and 17 investigations are on-going.

The KCC spokesman admitted cases were often dropped: "Reaching a conclusion that an allegation is false is rare, mainly because finding proof is difficult. It can often be the word of a child against that of a teacher."

# Communication is key for Kerswell

KENT County Council needs to improve its relationship with the people it serves, says the authority's new group managing director, Katherine Kerswell, pictured. "I think Kent connects well with residents

in some aspects but there's always more we can do," said the 47-year-old former Northants County Council chief, who took up her post this month.

"I want people to feel like we're on their side and to give us the benefit of the doubt. No council will ever make everyone happy but Kent is trying hard to do that. Take the pothole situation, for instance. There's been significant investment in fixing the problem but I'm sure there are

lots of people who think KCC is doing nothing. But we can't receive that benefit of the doubt just by switching it on. We have to

build that relationship up, and I don't think that's ever really been tried in Kent."

Mrs Kerswell, who will earn £197,000 a

year, also warned residents to expect a great deal of changes as the authority tackles a £200 million funding shortfall.

"These are challenging times for public services," she said. "Now is the opportunity to take bold steps regarding what public services could look like in the future.

"We don't yet know the full extent of the funding cuts we will have to deal with but we are working on ways to become more efficient. We will know in the autumn where the Government thinks the cuts should happen,

and that's when we will start talking to residents and asking for their opinions on how things should be done.

authority budget that provides for central services and will receive substantial top-up funding to meet additional responsibilities.

The report goes on to explain how the Government grant reduction from KCC's budget as each school moved from its control was supposed not to leave taxpayers out of pocket, but this would not happen.

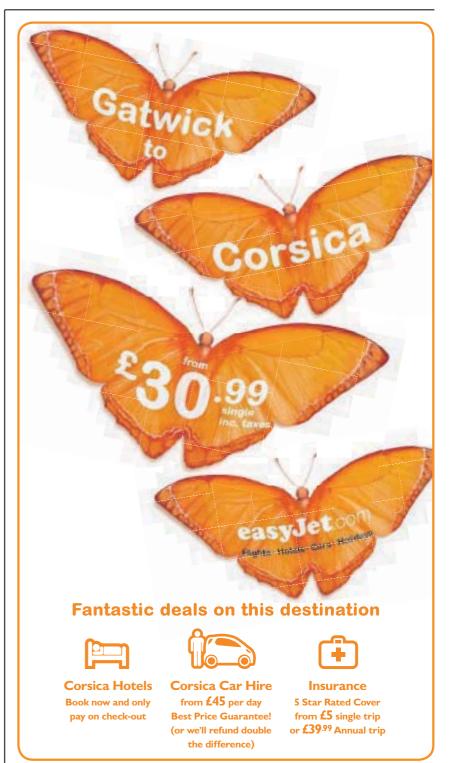
"It had previously been assumed the amount deducted from Kent's budget equated to the additional grant paid to the academy. This is not the case. There is therefore an additional cost to the public purse, currently met from central government funds, for each converting school. On average, the total paid to an academy is over six times the amount deducted from KCC.

The report said the policy was not creating a

leader Cllr Paul Carter urged head teachers to exercise "extreme caution" before agreeing to become academies because not enough information had been released.

And Andrew Somers, head of Hartsdown Technology College in Margate, said the county would have a three-tier system after the scrapping of Building Schools for the Future (BSF) pro-

But independent education adviser Peter Read said it had gone further than that. "There will actually be four categories – grammars, new BSF schools, those that go without and, the fourth, academies," he said. "This means the schools that are not grammars, not refurbished, or not academies, will be at the bottom of the pile."



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# Pride and sadness – but quite a legacy



**MOVING ON:** College head Stephen Jones

DOVER College head teacher Stephen Jones has been appointed Warden at St Edward's, Oxford, and will take up his post in September, 2011.

Making the announcement, Joe Sullivan, chairman of governors at Dover College, said: "Although this is bittersweet news, Stephen's appointment reflects the enormous contribution he has made to Dover College.

"His legacy will be conspicuous in the physical developments in music and drama, for example, and in the impressive academic improvements and growing self-confidence of the pupils.

"Stephen has moulded a highly professional common room and senior management team which will give a supportive foundation for the new head and real continuity for the work that he will have left."



**CLASS ACT:** Dover College pupils were rewarded after another year of academic success

# Equipped for life at college

# BY NICK AMES

DOVER College pupils, parents and teachers came together to celebrate the academic year's successes in the historic school's grounds.

Rear Admiral Simon Charlier, Old Dovorian and now first director of operations group of the newly-formed Military Aviation Authority, handed the prizes to pupils.

From year one in Dover College's infant and junior school to year 13 in the sixth form, prizes recognised pupils' industry, achievement, sports, art, music, poetry, internationalism and more than 20 other subjects.

During his speech, Rear Admiral Charlier commented on the fact that his years at Dover College equipped him with the skills required to face everything life could throw at him.

He went on to add that he was at Dover College at the same time as X Factor music



**GUEST:** Rear Admiral Simon Charlier

mogul Simon Cowell, although he did not remember him. He said: "Simon would have been at the bottom of the food chain back then – though I wouldn't mind having a moment with him now for financial advice."

Head teacher Stephen Jones said: "Over the course of this year we have had many successes, from the wins by James Tapsell and Dan Hinchen in the Folkestone Literary

Festival to sending more than £10,000 to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

"Success came in many areas. This year's Young Enterprise Company saw Aimee Mullan win the Public Speaking event, Charlie-Jade Martin-Stewart the Most Improved Student; and the company Venture 2010 took overall Best Trade Stand.

"The introduction of A-level photography to go alongside Fine Art and textiles has been a great success, but let's not forget Dover College's sporting achievements from athletics, basketball, tennis, football to the more traditional cricket and rugby.

"Dover College would not be what it is without its dedicated staff. We embody a value system based in the Church of England, but not restricted to it.

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**OFF ROAD:** PC Dave Greenwood stops people using off-road vehicles (left) motorcyclists are stopped by police (right)

# Many roles of our motorbike police teams

NOT everyone is looking forward to the long hot days of summer.

For the Kent Police motorcycle team it isn't the most comfortable time of year, dressed in thick, black, biker's leathers and crash helmets.

But comfort isn't top of their list of priorities – whereas the safety of the public is, which means they have to go out in all weathers even if they are baking hot in the summer and freezing cold in the winter.

Kent Police has a central motorcycle team who are sent to whichever part of the county they are needed most and motorcyclists are based at stations around Kent.

Police motorcycles are needed for many functions from policing traffic at major events to attending road accidents. They are able to get through traffic jams quickly to provide assistance to those in need.

### **Escort**

They are often used to tackle speeding or inconsiderate drivers, having both marked and unmarked motorbikes which are fitted with video recording equipment which can later be used in court.

The motorcycle team sometimes provides VIP escorts. In the past they have escorted the late Queen Mother to Walmer Castle and Prince Charles and Prince Andrew during visits to the county. They also escort visiting heads of state and if required provide funeral escorts to servicemen and women who have died serving their country.

They can also be called on to escort high

They can also be called on to escort high value or abnormal loads. They recently escorted lorries carrying turbine blades to a wind farm on the Romney Marsh as they travelled along the motorway. They are also called upon for the fast delivery of forensic evidence from crime scenes.

PC Dave Greenwood, from the central motorcycle team, said: "One of our aims is also to educate the public regarding driving or riding. If we see a motorist who we think needs advising about their driving we will stop them and offer them advice. This could prevent an accident in the future.

"We have an enforcement role which sees us stopping speeding drivers. We also deal with drivers who are breaking the law in other ways, perhaps driving without insurance or driving dangerously."

BY JANE BARLOW

The team works to reduce the number of people in the county who are killed or seriously injured in road accidents. It does this by tackling speeders, those who are not wearing seat belts, careless or dangerous drivers and others who use their mobile phones while at the wheel.

The bikes they use are BMW R1200RTPs although the force also has Yamaha 450cc Enduro off-road motorbikes for which officers are given special training to ride. These are used to target off-road bikers who are causing a nuisance or breaking the law, other off-road vehicles and to search large areas of the countryside for missing people.

the countryside for missing people.

PC Greenwood said: "We go to areas where there have been complaints and stop people using off-road vehicles. If they are driving or riding illegally we can issue them with a warning notice, which means if they are caught again we have the power to seize their vehicle. We prosecute offenders if they do not have valid insurance and are using their vehicles on a road or in a public place. We also give safety advice, as these riders are often not wearing crash helmets or protective clothing."

The motorcycle team also runs a project

The motorcycle team also runs a project called Bikesafe. This involves officers providing a one-day training course for motorcyclists, giving them tips and advice on safer riding.



# Time for women to become Bishops

THE Archbishop of Canterbury's right-hand man has welcomed a decision by the Church of England's ruling body to allow the ordination of female bishops.

Bishop of Dover Trevor Willmott – who runs the Canterbury diocese in Dr Rowan Williams' absence – was a member of the steering committee that led discussions during this week's historic meeting of the General Synod. He told KOS Media the ordination of female

He told KOS Media the ordination of female bishops was the next logical step following previous decisions to allow women to become priests and deacons.

"Everyone knows I'm in favour of women bishops," said Bishop Trevor. "But I'm also in favour of keeping the Church together, which is a difficult task shared by most members of the synod.

"As far as I'm concerned the Christian faith says there is no distinction between male and female, so God is calling women to share in the ministry of the church.

"It therefore seems right and proper that they should be allowed to become bishops, and perhaps we should have been clearer on this issue when the decisions were made regarding female priests and deacons in 1987 and 1992.

"I always knew it was something we would come to eventually, and now we have." The draft law approved by the General

The draft law approved by the General Synod must now receive the green light from the majority of the Church's 44 dioceses.

It must then return to the synod and receive a two-thirds majority vote, before receiving parliamentary approval and finally the Royal Assent.

Traditionalist Anglicans who opposed the move have been given minimal concessions, but leading figures in the Church say it is now inevitable that dissatisfied members will leave



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# **YOUR LETTERS**



# When will we be on road to recovery?

I read last week's article 'Hole load more money needed for Kent roads' and it grieves me the amount of drivers who have had accidents due to unacceptable large holes still plaguing our towns and countryside.

I was approached many weeks ago by an NHS worker, who travelled every day as part of their job as a specialised nurse, visiting vulnerable people in their homes. so having a car was a crucial part of their daily profession.

Travelling along a road on February 9 the car went down a pothole which was four inches deep 45 inches wide and 93 inches in length, causing a lot of damage to the car, split tyre, buckled wheel and damage to the suspension. KCC was advised of this accident but have failed to make any contribution to the repairs (up to now) the claim is still pending!

The public are quite aware weather conditions caused a lot of the pot holes, but constant digging up of little pieces of road and the contractors doing a shoddy job of filling in has also caused many of the road problems.

Most motorists were led to believe when Road Tax came about, the money would be used for up keeping all the roads, when are we going to see these results especially in Thanet?
Friends living in Hampshire have

visited on and off for 35 years and are already reminded they are approaching Thanet because of the poor roads, it just hasn't improved in all those years.

Thanet is a forgotten part of this country, we pay our taxes and contribute the same as other areas. it is about time we had the same facilities given.

Carole Russell, Ramsgate

# Academies widen gap between classes

The move towards academy schools will widen the educational gap between rich and poor.

There is no intention to properly resource schools in areas with the greatest needs under this scheme.

Under targeted policies, there would be far more assurance that lessons meet the needs of the children and society and assurance that children are not cherry-picked to make schools look good.

Education is a basic right and one that must be protected, governed properly and accountable, not privatised and made unaccountable.

# yourblogger

Tom Betts lets fly about his distate for seagulls as he prepares for the coming of Gullmageddon.

I USED to think seagulls were funny, and perhaps even a little bit cool in a strange sort of way.

To me the birds seemed to have a rebellious attitude that made me laugh. I admired their pluck – but that was before I moved to Thanet.

In recent years, things have gone a little too far. I am certain this country will soon be in the grip of these beasts, a trend it will be hard to reverse

We may be on the verge of Gullmageddon and the UK's first seagull-related death is on the way, just you

Residents across the isle will no doubt sympathise with my views as the gulls tear their way through rubbish sacks and spread litter across the streets - a story I have reported on in the past.

The noise is also another negative.

Every morning I am woken up by an ASBO gull flock who camp out on our roof with little more in their tiny minds than causing as much racket as possible for hours on end.

Not fun when you're nursing a hangover or in desperate need of sleep.

No, their noise is not the pleasant twittering and trilling of other birds, but an assault on the eardrums that even double-glazing cannot halt.

The shrill screeching and squawking is nice when heard every so often on a day out at the seaside but not every single day.

The winged ones also swoop down on all and sundry in what we're told is their way of protecting their

babies, who are the fattest beasts you'll ever find. Walking down my street in Westgate has become like running the gauntlet. The flying dogs sit on top of the chimney pots, looking down on those who dare to venture out with a sneer on their beaks.

They are like our new alien overlords, only with sharper talons.

Now I think of them less as lovable rebels and more like flying hooligans, or worse the mafia of the bird world. They're got more front than Del Boy, too.

Those who have ventured to Ramsgate seafront with a bag of chips in hand will testify to the fact that the birds would kick someone's head in for a solitary,

discarded chip.

My boss, a birdwatcher, is not an advocate of these views, but he is being naïve. There is no doubt in my mind that these birds are becoming a major pest.

I know, I know, they're only doing what comes naturally, but still that doesn't make it any less of a nui-

I'm not advocating doing anything to, or with, these birds, I must add

Aside from a few jokes on Twitter, I know it is almost an unsolvable problem, but do remember this article when we find ourselves in some kind of Human v Gull doomsday scenario, which they will

win.
You have been warned.

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The Government's claim that academies are raising standards is not proven.

Covert and overt admissions and exclusion practices enable academies to skew their intakes in favour of those from higher-achieving backgrounds.

Local authorities can 'direct' maintained schools to accept special needs children but can only 'ask' academies.

There is also increasing evidence of academies excluding more children than maintained schools. Furthermore, academies are not covered by general education law which means that their students and parents have fewer rights than those of schools in the maintained

The sponsoring body of any academy has the power to appoint the majority of governors. Academies have high staff turnover rates, and staff in academies can be prey to discriminatory employment prac-

Teachers and support staff work-ing in academies deserve the same protection as those working in the maintained sector.

While Michael Gove as Secretary of State for Education is slashing the rebuilding of hundreds of schools around the country he is promising extra money for any school that becomes an Academy.

The divisive nature of this highlights our concerns about the tendency towards greater social segregation.

We are also concerned that the

Government will use the October comprehensive spending review to put academies and 'free' schools at the top of the priority list.

Stuart Jeffrey, Kent Green Party

# **Green MEP selection** is undemocratic

At the last election for the European Parliament, I voted for the Green Party not least because I thought Caroline Lucas served the South East exceptionally well as an MEP.

Now that Caroline Lucas has been elected as a Westminster MP, she has been replaced as our area's Green MEP. There was no by-election. Keith Taylor got the position, which is notoriously well remunerated, by virtue of having been second on the Green List at the last European election.

I have no particular objection to Mr Taylor. In fact just about all that I know about him is that he was Caroline Lucas' predecessor as Green candidate for the Westminster constituency of Brighton Pavillion. However, if I had been allowed to rank the Green candidates at the European election in order of preference he would not have been my second choice, simply because there were good candidates from Kent lower down the list.

Steven Campkin of the Green Party (letters, July 14) rightly objects to the shortcomings of the Alternative Vote system which the Coalition Government intends to offer us in a referendum. But the

undemocratic way in which our Green MEP has just been replaced shows that the list system used for European Elections is even worse.

Recent scandals about the expenses of Westminster MPs. many of them effectively appointed by the parties for safe constituencies, show the importance of an electoral system that allows voters to veto candidates they dislike, for whatever reason. This is impossible with the system advocated by Steven Campkin.

The Green Party has important things to say on the environment and related matters, including vital economic issues. It is a shame that they should put off electors such as myself through their misguided views on electoral reform

Frederic Stansfield, by email

# Hard lesson for those involved with BSF

Headteachers at 28 Kent secondary schools, eight special schools and four referral centres were devastated to learn that plans to rebuild their schools under the Building Schools for the Future programme had been scrapped.

The vast number of hours spent by heads and governors negotiating with officials are wasted. The hours of planning by staff to develop new methods for teaching and learning using opportunities created by purpose-designed premises will be consigned to the scrapheap.

Some special schools are required to admit children with complex physical and learning needs, but will now find it impossible to cater for these unless alternative funding can be found.

Also spare a thought for KCC officers who have worked tirelessly through the mass of red tape imposed on them, to try and ensure the best for our schools.

For the following schools in Thanet - Clarendon House Grammar, Chatham House Grammar, Foreland Special, Hartsdown Technology College, Hereson, Laleham Gap (Special), Northwood Centre, St Anthony's (Special), Stone Bay (Special) and Ursuline College; and in Gravesend - Gravesend Boys and Girls Grammars, Meopham, and St George's CofE, along with Portal House (Special) in Dover, the shock was so much greater. For in these schools building plans have nearly all been finalised and construction due to begin in the near future.

They will now have to compete for students with the gleaming new premises of those schools who have benefited from BSF.

Hartsdown is not alone in Thanet in having poor buildings and now little prospect of these being eased.

Eight newer academies already operational or in the planning stage whose replacement buildings have not begun (at an average cost of some 40 per cent more than mainstream schools), are to have any plans reviewed in the summer.

It would, however, be bizarre if many of these were upheld, as new academies converting from mainstream schools join them on an equal basis in September with no prospect of new buildings. This is a sorry end to a project that promised so much, but it is important to realise what has been achieved.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter has taken a personal interest in attracting maximum capital expenditure to Kent, which historically had low levels of investment in school buildings. His drive and vision means we now have new schools worth some half a billion pounds, either completed or in construction. These include all other secondary and special schools in Gravesham and Thanet through BSF (most of which are close to completion), nine academies, and six secondary schools built under separate PFI funding.

Parents in many parts of Kent will be aware of other major investments in new or replacement buildings for schools of all types.

Whatever the future holds, these remain and nearly 20 per cent of secondary schools will have been completely or substantially rebuilt; an impressive record of investment.

Whether this purge was needed in full is for others to pronounce on. I only know it must be wrong to put part of the proceeds towards the bribe to persuade mainstream schools to become academies, with another portion going to start up free schools that will often be set up to suit self-interest groups who have little interest in the education of the majority.

> Peter J Read. Independent education advisor

# Team has the Hart to keep us from danger

# BY MARIJKE COX

A CREW of paramedics trained to deliver life-saving treatment at the heart of dangerous situations has started work in Kent.

The 40-strong Hazardous Area Response Team (HART) will work with other emergency services at the centre of major incidents, where previously they would have been restricted to the sidelines.

The chief executive of the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust (SECAmb), Paul Sutton, said it was a valuable addition.

"As an emergency service, SECAmb is of course already trained and experienced in expertly dealing with major incidents, and this will continue," he said. "However, the introduction of HART enhances that experience and capability further still."

Traditionally, ambulance crews relied on firefighters to make an area safe before they could access what is known as the 'hot zone' or inner cordon - potentially dangerous situations such as fire or chemical threats.

It meant that paramedics from SECAmb were unable to get to patients until it was deemed safe. In other cases, ambulance staff had to wait for the patients, in some cases needing life-saving care, to be brought to them by fire-fighters.

But following the terror attacks on London



**RESCUERS AT READY:** Members of Hart are trained to attend to casualties in a number of hazardous situations

on July 7, 2005, in which ambulance crews were able to work at the centre of the incident where there was no contamination, health chiefs nationwide began to roll out the HART

initiative, funded by the Department of Health. In Kent, the team of clinicians, who are based at Brookfields industrial estate in Ashford, have had intensive preparation.

As well as training in breathing apparatus and gas-tight chemical suits, each member of rescue and working at heights.

The crew, who now also form the ambulance service's maritime incident response team, will use specialist vehicles, including off-road 4x4s and a modern command vehicle.

Matthew England, SECAmb's HART manager, said the new team would significantly enhance the service at major incidents across Kent, Sussex and Surrey.

"It will allow patients who are trapped, or in areas previously deemed unsafe for ambulance staff to enter, the opportunity to receive clinical care at a much earlier stage than has been previously possible," he said.

"Fire crews will of course still perform their vital role, but HART clinicians will be able to remove patients from smoke-filled environments, for example, bringing high-quality care to those who urgently require it.

When not responding to HART calls, the team will provide additional support with two single response vehicles and carry out a rigorous training schedule.

Andy Parr, head of emergency preparedness at SECAmb, said the initiative would influence what happened to many patients involved in serious incidents.

"The SECAmb HART members have been working very hard over the past months to develop new skills to help in this new, exciting and necessary role."

# Mum and dad still pay price

DEBT-RIDDEN youngsters who depend on their parents to bail them out have been blamed for an increase in bankruptcy among the over-55s.

According to the Consumer Credit Counselling Service (CCCS), mothers and fathers who pay off their children's student loans or help them on to the proper-ty ladder by providing money for deposits are risking insolvency themselves.

The charity says that 16.1 per cent of those who went bankrupt in Kent last year were over 55, compared with just 15.1 per cent nationally.

Equity release manager Tom Moloney said families should seek advice before deciding how to tackle large debts: "Parents are providing a lot more support to their children, but in many cases this is not manageable and they end up in serious financial trouble themselves.

"Both sides should get expert advice first to make sure the resources are there to carry the debt."

To tackle the rising trend of parents going bankrupt, the CCCS has launched the subsidiary firm CCCS Equity Release to provide free advice to people with financial problems.

Equity release allows homeowners to release money from a property worth at least £60,000 but is only available for over-55s and usually considered only as a

Mr Moloney said: "You're never going to be able to stop the bank of mum and dad, but we're here to make sure it runs OK."

The CCCS runs a free debt counselling service at www.cccs.co.uk - or phone 0800 138111 between 8am and 8pm, Mondays to Fridays.

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For more information please contact Kent and Medway Biological Records Centre on 01795 532385.

Entry to the event and activities will be FREE but numbers will be limited for the bat walk and will need to be booked in advance. Please book early to avoid disappointment either by ringing the number above or emailing us at info@kmbrc.org.uk







# **DAY & NIGHT**

# Carnival at flower show

ENJOY a blooming marvellous day out at the 124th Minster Flower Show on Saturday.

The show is at the Recreation Ground at 1pm and the carnival parade arrives at 2pm. There will be an appearance by Amanda Piper of Meridian TV news team. To find out more visit www.minster-in-thanet.org.uk.

# **Invitation to screenings**

TWO films will be shown at Dover's Grand Shaft as part of the Cultural Olympiad Open Weekend programme.

Dover Arts Development presents screenings of Supermen II by Foreign Investment and Revisit by Kathy Kenny with Ron den Daas. The event runs from 1pm to 6pm on Saturday and 1pm to 5pm on Sunday. For details visit www.dadonline.eu.

# Dance the years away

STEP back in time with a 1940s nostalgia dance at Birchington Village Centre at 7.30pm on Saturday.

The event is being held in aid of Demelza House children's hospice, Cats in Crisis and Animals Asia Foundation.

Tickets cost £7 in advance or £8 on the door. Entry is free for under-15s. To book call 01843 831865 or 07799 284291.

# **Murderer puts boot in**

SEE if you can spot the villain when Margate Football Club hosts a murder

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John Hippisley is offering free ghost tours of the city today and next Wednesday. Free spaces are limited, so call 0845 5190257 or go online at www.canterburyghosttour.com to book. More details on the website.

# Music for summer night

ENJOY light music on a summer evening when Cantate Choir performs at the Memorial Theatre in Broadstairs.

The concert takes place at 6pm on Sunday and tickets cost £8. Non-members of the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club must book at least 24 hours in advance, by calling 0845 262 6263 or emailing info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

# **Behind scenes in TV**

ASPIRING and professional actors are invited to take part in a one-day television workshop on Monday.

With two BAFTA nominations under his belt, director Tim Leandro will teach actors how to work with the camera, crew and fellow actors. The workshop at Canterbury College costs £54. To book email timleandro@btinternet.com or call 07812 475552.



# Go mad for top musical acts

# **SOUND ISLAND FESTIVAL**

Saturday, July 24, and Sunday, July 25, Quex Park, Birchington



TEN years on from the first event, the Sound Island Festival has gone from strength to strength.

Last year, global superstars the Pussycat Dolls graced the stage at Quex Park and for the 2010 event, organisers have attracted top chart names of today along with legends in their field.

So whether you are looking for the future of pop or want to revel in the sound of veteran stars performing live on stage, the festival offers two fantastic line-ups to please most

On Saturday, Madness will bring their unique brand of chaos to Quex Park, getting the crowd on their feet with some of the group's best-loved hits. The popular ska-pop band has been entertaining fans for more than 30 years, belting out unforgettable songs such as Our House, Baggy Trousers, It Must Be Love, One Step Beyond, Embarassment and many more.

Madness, pictured above, have their origins in a 'ramshackle' band formed in 1976, which went on to perform as The Invaders and changed its name to Madness in 1979. After a string of hits, the band split in 1986.

The re-release of It Must Be Love in 1991 led to a series of reunion concerts and the band's repertoire has even inspired a hit musical, Our

They will be supported by Lightning Seeds, whose hits over the years have included Lucky



You, The Life of Riley, Marvellous and the number one World Cup song, Three Lions, recorded with comedians Frank Skinner and David Baddiel

Front man Ian Broudie has been at the heart of the music industry for decades and

not only as the creative force behind Lightning Seeds. He played a key role in the Liverpool punk scene in the 70s and was renowned for his creativity with alternative rock production in the 80s, before becoming a pop star in the 90s. Broudie also worked in the studio with Echo and the Bunnymen and, more recently, a new generation of indie stars in The Coral and Zutons.

Also on the bill are The Blockheads, who became one of the foremost bands of the New Wave era with late front man, Ian Dury, and underground punk heroes, King Blues.
On Sunday, X-Factor finalists JLS will head-

line a day of pop and R&B when some of today's best chart acts take to the stage. The talent show runners-up have stormed the charts and achieved two number one singles in the two years since they made their first appearance.

Diana Vickers, left, is also an X-Factor discovery and she made an immediate impression on both the judges and the audience, blowing them away with her unique voice. Her debut album reached the number one spot and she also topped the singles chart with Once.

Vickers' career has extended to musical theatre with her award-winning turn in The Rise and Fall of Little Voice.

English rapper Chipmunk has also had a number one hit with Oopsy Daisy and his album I Am Chipmunk reached number two in the UK charts. Alex Gardner, Rough Diamondz and The Score complete the line-up for Sunday's concert.

Advance tickets cost £33.50 for the Saturday concert and £28.59 for Sunday. To book call the box office on 0871 220 0260 or 01843 292795 or go online at www.gigantic.com.









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Visitors to the castle can learn more about the science of discovering the past and enjoy some exciting hands-on activities. With mummies, lost treasure and lots, the weekend will be packed with educational fun.

Children must tackle mummies and Raiders of the Lost Ark-style obstacles as they look for the treasure in the Rescue the Relic assault course, which is available from 10am to 5pm each day. Anyone with an appetite for destruction can help to build a giant model castle, then create their own ruin by firing a siege weapon.

Experience life as an archaeologist by taking part in a mini dig, learn how to record and draw the discoveries like a professional. There is also be the chance to see replica artefacts copied from finds from the Mary Rose.

Other attractions include an archaeology quest, historical games from ancient Egypt and Rome and authentic Roman crafts. To find out more visit www.english-heritage.org.uk or call 0870 333 1181.



## WHITSTABLE OYSTER FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 24, to Friday, July 30, Various venues, Whitstable

SEASIDE heritage is at the heart of the celebrations at Whitstable Oyster Festival.

The annual event offers a busy programme of arts, family entertainment, heritage events and gastronomic delights.

The fun starts with the Landing of the Oysters on Saturday, followed by the colourful Oyster Parade and more entertainment.

Action men and women will show off their strength with the Mud Tug on Sunday and there are lots of activities to keep children entertained. From standup comedy to classical music, people of all ages and tastes will

find something to enjoy.

The heritage of Whitstable is celebrated at the festival and on Thursday afternoon, children will help to create hundreds of 'grotters', hollow mounds of sand or mud decorated with oyster shells. After the Blessing of the Waters ceremony, the grotters will be lit by candles.

Foodies will be in heaven with the EPICentre Food Fair at Whitstable Harbour this Saturday and Sunday.
For full festival listings visit

www.whitstableoysterfestival.co

# **MUSIC IN THE GARDEN** Sunday, July 25, Redwalls, Canterbury

FORMER X-Factor finalist Ben Mills will entertain the crowds at a fundraising event this week-

The singer-songwriter is a patron of Kent Kids Miles of Smiles and he will be taking part in a fundraising event at Redwalls in Stodmarsh Road. Visitors can enjoy a full day of live music from 10 acts, while helping to raise money for a worthy

cause at Music in the Garden.

Kent Kids Miles of Smiles helps to care for severely handicapped children and Music in the Garden will be a chance to raise valuable funds for the charity's work.

Gates open at 10.30am and Ben Mills will be appearing at 1pm. Also on the bill are Autumn Few, Luke Jackson, Radio Riot, A Thousand Lights, The Flack, 10p Short, Counterfeit Notes, Equilibrium and Broken.

Anyone who works up an appetite can take advantage of the licensed bar and a barbecue, and there will also be stalls to browse. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £5 for children aged under 12.

To book, call 01227 780796 or visit www.miles-of-

smiles.org.uk or www.gigantic.com.



# **ELEMENTAL FIELDS**

Saturday, July 24, to Saturday, July 31, Tufton House, Ashford

THE secret life of Ashford's flood plain and woodland is exposed in a new installation by artist Lee Patterson.

Presented by Stour Valley Arts, Elemental Fields fea-tures recordings taken across the two sites of Ashford floodplain and Kings Wood. The location-specific sound installation becomes an acoustic instrument to shed light on this hidden world of sound, created using solid, aerial and liquid vibrations.

Patterson has used contact microphones and hydrophones to reveal how shifts in the environment can have an impact on the sonic experience.

With his unconventional approach, Patterson enjoys a growing international reputation as a sound artist and

As part of Stour Valley Arts' education programme, children from two local schools have been working on sound mapping with artist Louise Martin. The result, Vibration

Station, can be seen as part of the installation.

Elemental Fields will be launched from noon to 4pm on Saturday and will then be open from 12am to 4pm on Sunday and noon to 5pm for the rest of the exhibition.

Find out more online at www.stourvalleyarts.org.uk.



## **GODDESS FESTIVAL**

Friday, July 23, to Sunday, July 25, Westgate Hall, Canterbury

ENTER the mystical world of giants, fairies and mythology when the Goddess Festival descends on Canterbury.

Start the weekend in style by attending the magical Summer Fairy Ball on Friday

night, with live music from acclaimed musicians Nigel Shaw and Carolyn Hillyer. There will be more entertainment from Goth rock band Serpentyne, which features Maggie Sand of Alquimia, and revellers can step back in time at a medieval dance workshop. The ball starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £15.

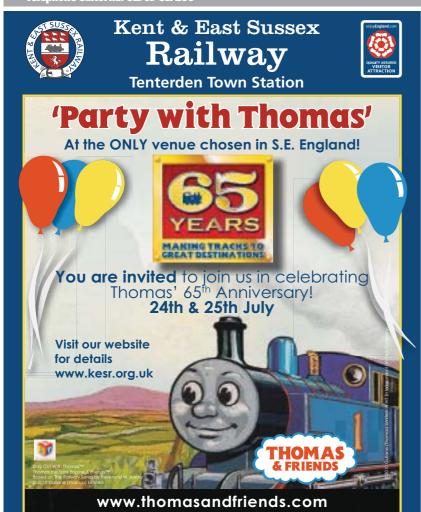
The streets of Canterbury will be alive with colour, music and dance on Saturday when the Goddess Parade sets out from Westgate Hall at 10am, entertaining shoppers in the High Street with a variety of entertainment. Stilt walkers, magical performers, drummers, dancers and giants will

all be making an appearance.

More than 65 exhibitors will take part in the market on both days and there will also be workshops and entertainment celebrating pagan art, music and beliefs

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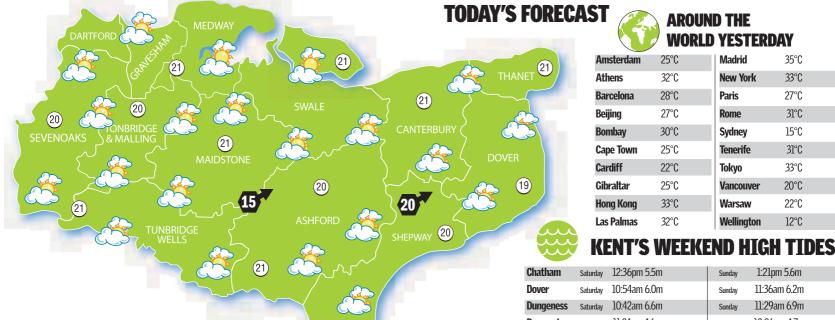
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# Go wild in the country as you forage for food on hotel break

# BY TOM BETTS

OWNERS of a Kent hotel are urging guests to embrace their wild side.

Staff at the acclaimed Wallett's Court Hotel, in St Margarets-at-Cliffe, near Dover, have launched a new Hunter and Forager experience for those who want to delve deeper into the countryside.

The trips will enable guests the chance to get an authentic taste of just what is on offer in the surrounding area.

Run by experts Gavin Oakley and Peter Kelly, two men with a background in rural pursuits, the experience combines two aspects of rural life with an interesting day out.

Typically, guests stay in one of the two wellequipped outdoor teepees and are woken by the guides early for a day to remember.

At dawn the pair lead small parties into the countryside near Dover to track down and hunt game such as rabbits and pigeons.

Peter, who has represented his country at shooting, said: "It's a very interesting experience for guests. We teach them how to use the guns before actually hunting for food.

Once a few specimens have been bagged with a 12-bore shotgun, they are taken back to the hotel, where you can learn how to cook and prepare the food.

The head chef at Wallett's Court, Ryan Tasker, leads the demonstrations, which include plucking birds and skinning rabbits, before cooking up dishes such as ballotine of rabbit with summer white-truffle emulsion.

After lunch and drinks, Gavin takes over and leads out parties to forage for food.

The range of what is available soon becomes clear as the walk winds its way from the hotel, heading into the South Foreland valley across the stunning coastline, before finishing down in St Margaret's Bay, where more foraging takes place in the rock-pools.

Guests will gather fare such as wild fennel, crab apples, wild cabbage, horseradish, sea lettuce, sea beet and sea purslane along the way.
Gavin said: "The food that is available free,

growing naturally, is often overlooked. It's surprising what you can find to eat right under your noses. The countryside around St Margaret's is full of delicious produce.



"For me it's really enjoyable to show people just what is here. Growing up in the area, I have learned just what can be foraged and

As with the hunting part of the day, the food that has been collected is then taken back to Wallett's Court for a foragers' supper, with dishes such as sea bream with an olive and caper sauce and crushed new potatoes with spinach and wild fennel foam with sea lettuce.

Gavin said: "Seeing some of the ingredients that you have brought back land on the table in front of you is very satisfying. It really brings home just how much we can gather from the land around us.

"We hope these trips will take off. Everyone is welcome to book. We have led some successful test excursions to see if people enjoyed it and the results have been really positive.

For more information about the Hunter and Forager break, phone the hotel on 01304 852424 or check out the website at www. wallettscourthotel.com.













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A COUPLE of years ago, when Come Dine With Me first appeared on our

screens. I slated it. Writing in this column, I labelled the whole thing "idiotic", but I may have been too quick to judge.

In fact, I was plain wrong because I now believe it to be a work of art.

It has spawned many imitators, as most successful TV shows do, and the inevitable celebrity version arrived quicker than you could say 'John Fashanu has just goosed Carlton

It is the standard episodes, though, featuring the fearless and foolhardy Great British Public, that usually work the best

Never underestimate just how cringeworthy a 40-something estate agent wanting to impress with his pan-fried turbot and wild rocket salad can be.

# BY TOM BETTS

Narrator Dave Lamb guides the viewer through the episode, dispensing disparaging remarks along the way, and is usually good for a few laughs.

It's an easy enough job, as the amateur cooks competing for what seems like a pretty measly £1,000 prize do more than enough to make utter plebs of themselves.

If you haven't tuned in before, then do so just once, if only to remind yourself never to hold a dinner party.

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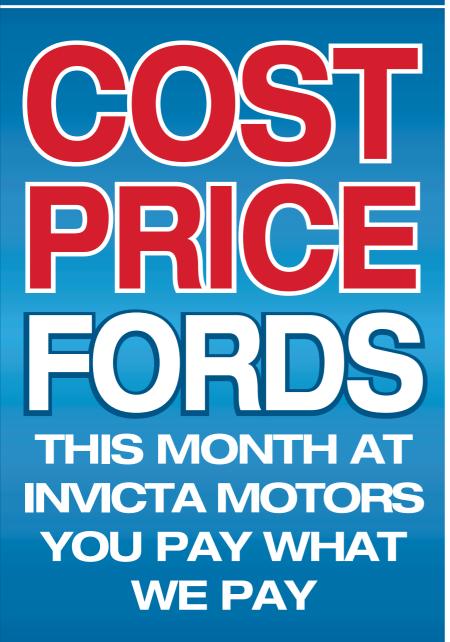
Mind you, it might be preferable to be stabbed in the jugular falling on to a block of kitchen knives or to meet your maker by drowning face down in a bowl of cookie dough than suffer

the ignominy of being admitted to Holby City General.

The staff are a horrible bunch. Engaged in extra-marital affairs, back-stabbing and general moaning and nastiness, they make the EastEnders cast look like a clean-cut bunch of high moral standing.

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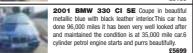
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# **PROPERTY NEWS**

# Gap between wages and house prices stays

THERE will continue to be a gap between rising house prices and the average wage, according to a recent study.

According to James Davis, chief executive officer of Upad.co.uk, it is getting more and more unaffordable to get on to the property ladder, as potential home buyers need large deposits.

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In addition, many of the young first-time buyers out there have already graduated from university with debt of around £20,000, reducing their income further still.

"If you put all those bits together, renting is an increasingly preferred form of tenure rather than going into the housing market." Mr Davis explained.

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All of this means that there is now less of a taboo surrounding renting than there has been which, combined with a lack of adequate rental stock, means good news for buy-to-let investors, he concluded.

Almost two-thirds of people living in privately rented accommodation believe they are unlikely to buy their own home in the next five years, according to mortgage lender Kensington.

# More choice as supply overtakes demand

HOUSE prices rose by three per cent in the first quarter of 2010, according to the latest figures.

Mortgage lender Halifax claims that the average cost of a UK home now stands at £170,111.

However, this represents a "period of broad stability" for the month of June, which saw a seasonally-adjusted rise of 0.1 per cent in the house prices, the financial group claims.

Reacting to the news, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors said that the figures back up existing evidence that supply is beginning to outstrip demand in the UK property market

Chief economist Simon Rubinsohn explained: "It is no bad thing the price picture appears to be stabilising.
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"The more important issue for the market is whether this is accompanied by a pick-up in transaction activity."

All this means that, at the moment, consumers have more choice when buying a property, which Mr Rubinsohn believes is good news for the market.



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# DISASTROUS:

First-time buyers could be priced out of the property market if a cap on loan to value lending means they have to find deposits of 25 per cent for their first

# Lending cap sparks fear for those starting out

SPECULATION that the Bank of England could introduce mortgage caps restricting how much people could borrow has put the spotlight on the plight of first-time buyers.

Some commentators pointed to new figures showing how few mortgages are available to those with a small deposit as evidence of lenders being more sensible.

There are fewer than 20 mortgage deals allowing people to borrow 95 per cent of their property's value (LTV), compared with some 1,000 three years ago.

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George Osborne, the chancellor, has said the Bank is to be handed sweeping powers to curb City excesses and prevent another financial crisis.

# BY NICK AMES

It was widely reported this would include the power to restrict lending, potentially allowing the Bank to block consumers from borrowing too much.

This could, it was suggested, include restrictions on LTV ratios, so that people might be prevented from taking out a home loan for more than, say, 75 per cent of the property's value

But any move to introduce a cap on lending in the mortgage market would be disastrous for the millions of borrowers who don't have a 25 per cent deposit, according to Hannah-Mercedes Skenfield at Moneysupermarket. com.

Based on mortgage searches made via the

website, up to 40 per cent of people looking for a home loan have a deposit of less than 25 per cent.

Meanwhile, it is estimated that about 2.5m outstanding mortgages — approximately a quarter of the total — are for more than 75 per cent of the property's value.

"Our concern is that a blanket LTV restriction will freeze the housing market for years," said Ms Skenfield. "Although LTV is a factor when making lending decisions, it is more important to factor in affordability and judge each application on its own merits.

"For many young people looking to get a foot on the first rung of the housing ladder, a deposit of perhaps £25,000 is unthinkable, especially for those saddled with student debt, yet in many cases their mortgage repayments would be similar to the rent they are paying."

# Quick response to planning application praised

EVERYONE knows that you need planning permission from the local council before you can build a new property, but sometimes this can be a very long and frustrating process.

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But Hillreed Homes says it was delighted when a proposed development at Loose, near Maidstone, went through within eight weeks.

"It was an exceptional turnaround and Maidstone planning office should be praised

for making such a good job of the application", said Colin Creed, managing director.

"In the South East, there is always a very strong need for homes and often developers cannot build them quickly enough to satisfy demand.

"Currently, we have several proposed sites waiting for planning permission throughout the South East", said Mr Creed.

"Many of the homes we are currently building and marketing are under offer or bought off plan and because of this pent up requirement, we are keen to have more developments in progress at any one time, but without full planning we cannot proceed.

"It is frustrating at the moment as we are well into summer and are almost running out of houses ready for immediate occupation."

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The Route 85 purchasing plan is open to first-time buyers, and enables them to own their home outright. The scheme allows purchasers to own 100 per cent of their new home and get 15 per cent free for ten years. The 15 per cent share is funded by Explore Living on an interest-free basis to the buyer. All new home buyers need is a minimum deposit of five per cent of the property's value that they are interested in and an additional £1000 to reserve their home, however some terms and conditions do apply and Route 85 is subject to availability. Explore Living can even put buyers in touch with a mortgage broker who can help arrange a mortgage for the remaining 80 per cent of the value of the property.

The Route 85 scheme is available on all one and two-bedroom apartments as well as three bedroom houses at New Meridian Village. In 2009 the development won a national award for Best Starter Home at the prestigious What House? Awards.

John Inglis, Explore Living's Sales and Marketing Director, says that as spring merges into summer the time is now right to make the most of the seaside and make Ramsgate a permanent home. "The obstacles preventing first-time home buyers have been removed by our Route 85 scheme. Our customers also get the peace of mind from knowing that while this is a shared equity scheme they do own their property outright. Thanks to the Stamp Duty threshold being raised it means first time buyers at New Meridian Village can further benefit by not paying Stamp Duty."

New home buyers looking to purchase a home in Kent are urged to come and see the show homes at New Meridian Village which is conveniently located near the coast and only a short distance from Ramsgate station which is on the high-speed rail link allowing commuters to get into London in approximately 80 minutes.

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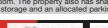


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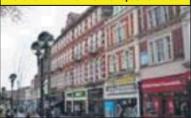
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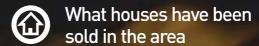


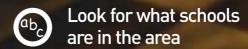
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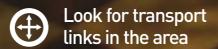


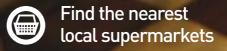
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#### **Kent League Division One**

Sandwich Town 1st XI v Ashford Town 1st XI

A CALAMITOUS batting display from Ashford Town gifted Sandwich Town the easiest of nine-wicket victories to stay firmly in the Division One promotion hunt.

The visitors arrived looking for a victory to join the contenders for a top-two finish, but their hopes disappeared with a hapless batting display. All out for 52, the result was a foregone conclusion and Sandwich took less than 17 overs to wrap up victory.

Home skipper Matthew van Poppel opted to bowl first after winning the toss and the decision looked a good one almost immediately. Ashford's top three were sent packing with just six runs on the board as Craig Spanton dismissed Simon Taylor and Luke Reeves, while Tom Chapman caught Liam Tegg off his own bowling.

Gary Sutton and Sam Kennett briefly stemmed the tide as they added 17 runs between them - Ashford's most substantial partnership – before Chapman struck again. With their tails up Sandwich's bowlers ratcheted up the pressure as the visitors came and went with alarming regularity.

The final wicket fell in only the 24th over. Spanton finished with 5 for 31, while Chapman 3 for 16 and van Poppel (2 for 2) accounted for the rest.

The only blemish in Sandwich's reply came when David Scoggins was caught by Ben Ealham off Taylor's bowling. It failed to spark the sort of panic Ashford needed and Craig Snell (33 not out) directed the hosts home with Stuart Smith (5 not out).

The win kept Sandwich third, eight points behind leaders Blackheath ahead of Saturday's trip to Whitstable.

# Sandwich pacemen hit the straps in easy win



**ONE-SIDED:** Sandwich's batsmen had the simple task of knocking off the 53 runs needed for a crushing victory at the weekend

#### **Ashford Town 1st XI**

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#### **KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE**

Folkestone 1st XI v Beckenham 1st XI

AN EXCELLENT display with the ball wrapped up an emphatic 76-run victory for Folkestone against Beckenham. Daniel Clark (68) and Himanshu Waingarkar (73) provided the majority of Folkestone's score as they shared a second wicket stand worth 138. The hosts' middle order

then rallied to take the home side to 205 for 8 from their

Michael James took two early wickets before Johan Malcolm steadied Beckenham's reply. Waingarkar (4 for 22) then took over as the visitors slipped from 101 for 4 to 129 all out as Folkestone leapt clear of the bottom two and into mid-table.

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#### **Folkestone 1st XI**

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Ryan Hall	5	0	22	0
Himanshu Waingankar	11 12	4	24	
		1	33	

#### **KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE** Hythe 1st XI v Blackheath 1st XI

HYTHE slipped into the relegation zone after they could only take a losing draw from their meeting with league leaders Blackheath.

Zobie Sharif made the home side's bowlers toil en route to a century and he shared a big partnership with Alex Senn, who was still unbeaten at the end of the innings Lochan Blunden finished with two wickets, but it did little to prevent Blackheath racking up an impressive score of

Hythe batted well in patches, with Christopher Maurice (54) and James Watson (75) finding form. It helped avoid losing outright, but the hosts finished well short of victory.

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#### Blackheath 1st XI

Aaron Alley Zobie Sharif

Alex Senn Jahid Ahm

Chris Willetts Matt Shepherd	on bib	t bat t bat		
Richard Woods James Hands	on bib did no	t bat t bat		
ExtrasTotal	(3 wic	:kets, 50 ove	rs)	20 285
Bowlers	0	М	R	W
Daniel Patching Patrick Owen Jamie Hemphrey	12 8 8	2 0 0	39 38 46	0 0 1
Lochan Blunden Jago Pearson	15 7	0	95 51	2
Hythe 1st XI				Runs
Christopher Maurice Lochan Blunden Leon Morgan	ct Wo	ods b Valkov pherd b Ahr	rics ned	54 23
James Watson Jon Smith Tim Pichowski Daniel Patching	ct Vall	kovics b Pau rif	l	4
Andrew Maurice Jago Pearson Patrick Owen	not ou	ıt ıt		11
Jamie Hemphrey Extras	did no	t bat		
Total				
Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Jahid Ahmed Paul Valkovics James Hands Richard Woods	10 11 12 4	3 2 1 0	25 51 56 15	1 1 1 0
Dipayan Paul Zobie Sharif	7 6	0 0	35 26	2 2

#### **KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE** Sibton Park 1st XI v Canterbury 1st XI

A HEFTY stand between Sibton Park's openers set up a comfortable seven-wicket victory against Canterbury

Neil Kimberley (34) and Luke Samarasinghe (44) got the visitors away to a bright start, but the innings unravelled after their dismissals. Andy Allon's 4 for 23 decimated Canterbury's middle order as they stumbled to 170 all out.

Sibton Park needed a victory to stay in the promotion places and their openers duly delivered. Allon fell three short of a century, but the stand of 163 with Tim Bishop (74 not out) set up a straightforward win.

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#### Canterbury 1st XI

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Luke Samarasinghe	lbw b	Newman		44
Paul Steer	b Mee	rs		16
Daniel Dolman	ct Hol	bs b Allon.		8
Simon Smith	ct Hic	cmott b Allo	n	15
Rvan Minter	b New	man		18
Justin Macvicar	b Allo	n		0
Tim Wren	ct Nev	vman b Rov	ле	7
Josh Staunton	b Allo	1		2
Ben Cooper	run oı	t		5
Robert Walker	not ou	t		0
Extras	(5b 3lb 10w 3nb)			21
Total	(all ou	t, 49.4 over	5)	170
Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
Steven Rowe	11.4	3	27	1
Tim Smith	8	2	32	0
Sam Newman	10	0	41	2
Gareth Meers	7	0	39	2
Andy Allon	13	5	23	4

#### Sibton Park 1st XI

				Runs
Tim Bishop	not οι	ıt		74
Andy Allon	ct Ma	cvicar b Coo	per	97
Steve Hobbs				
Ben Allon				
Tom Payne	not ou	ıt		0
Steve Hickmott				
Martin Wren	did no	t bat		
Steven Rowe	did no	t bat		
Sam Newman	did no	t bat		
Gareth Meers	did no	t bat		
Tim Smith	did no	t bat		
Extras	(1lb) .			1
Total				
		,		
Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
Rvan Minter	5	ï	20	0
Justin Macvicar	4	î	15	0
Robert Walker	8	Ō	42	Ô
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#### **KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR**

#### Rodmersham 1st XI v **Betteshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI**

JOFFY and Clive Towe hit half-centuries but Betteshanger Colliery Welfare could only finish with a losing draw in a high scoring game against Rodmersham.

Kevin Jones and Dave Cogger got the home side off to a

great start and they had amassed 211 runs by the time both were out. Cogger (102 not out) went on to complete his century as Rodmersham declared with one over to spare.

Betteshanger's batsmen provided a sturdy response with a series of substantial partnerships. Clive Towe topscored with 58 not out, but the innings ran out with the visitors 25 runs short.

#### **Rodmersham 1st XI**

Clive Towe Liam Collin

Kevin Jones	b C lo	we		84
Dave Cogger	not ou	ıt		102
Dylan Emmett	ct Col	lins b M Mcl	Vicholas	33
Michael Jones	lbw b	Collins		21
Darren Nokes	lbw b	Collins		8
Sam Blackwell	not or	ıt		2
Robert Horne	did no	t bat		
Matthew Jewiss	did no	t bat		
Michael Willis	did no	t bat		
Chris Ansley	did no	t bat		
Karl Reeves				
Extras	(8b 16	olb 4w 1nb).		29
Total	(4 wic	kets dec. 49	overs)	279
Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
Andrew McNicolas	7	1	53	0
Jamie Towe	8	0	51	0
Michael McNicholas	15	5	57	1

Betteshanger	Colliery	Welfar	e 1st XI	
	•			Runs
Liam Collins				
Joffy Towe	ct Jev	viss b Jones		52
Jamie Towe	lbwb .	Jewiss		13
Andrew McNicolas .	b Nok	es		40
Clive Towe	not ou	ıt		58
Michael McNicholas	ct Ans	slev b Emme	tt	20
Darren Fletcher				
Martin Jones	ct Ans	slev b Emme	tt	
Steve McNicolas	b Jew	iss		2
Edward Dadd				
John Brayne				
Extras	(4h 2l	h 15w 6nh)		27
Total				
	(0 ****	ACCO, DI OVC	13)	
Bowlers				
DOWICIS	0	M	R	W
Chris Anslev	5	0	29	0
	12	0	65	
Dylan Emmett	12	0	60	2
Dylan Elimett	12	0	00	۷.

# **Triallists give Whites boss** something to think about

#### **FOOTBALL**

BY TOM HOWARD

FORMER Welling midfielder Sam Cutler could be in line to join Dover Athletic as a replacement for Sammy Moore, who has completed a move to AFC Wimbledon.

Dover boss Martin Hayes revealed Cutler was one of four players he was seriously looking at to join the club and the midfielder featured in Dover's 4-1 pre-season friendly win at Faversham Town on Saturday.

The Whites are in the market for a central midfielder after Moore, who spent two seasons at Crabble, signed for Conference side AFC Wimbledon at the weekend.

Potential replacement Cutler, who has featured for Grays Athletic and Weymouth in the Conference, played 45 minutes against Colchester last week and played a further 45 minutes against Faversham. Reports from his former club Welling, where he spent the back end of last season, suggest he is poised to join the Whites.

Hayes said: "Sam is one of three or four we are seriously looking at and

"He has come down here to show us what he can do and did okay in the first game. Welling have said he is joining us, but we are only talking to him at the moment. We are also looking at a couple of wide men and strikers."

A host of triallists took part in the 4-1 win at Faversham on Saturday, which saw Hayes field two different teams for each half.

Former Bromley winger Luke l'Anson opened the scoring after heading in Adam Birchall's cross. The Whites doubled their lead just before the half hour mark when Joe Tabiri's driven cross was deflected in by Matt Latham.

Ex-Dover player Andrew Miller pulled one back for Faversham just after the break, but Dover showed their dominance with a third goal from the resulting kick-off when Jon Wallis' corner was headed in at the near post by former Bristol Rovers striker Ben Hunt. The Whites wrapped up the win when triallists Anton Jack and Kevin

Borrey combined with the latter scoring the fourth goal. Oliver Bartram, Mark Cornielle, Jordan Anderson, Jackson Ohakam and Elliot Charles all featured as triallists in the game.

Dover hosted Ryman Premier League side Maidstone United in a pre-season friendly at Crabble last night. Log on to www.yourdover.co.uk for a full report.



**ON THE LOOKOUT:** Dover boss Maryin Hayes ran his eye over a number of triallists including Luke I'Anson, pictured, who scored at Faversham

# Golfers impress as both

#### **ON TARGET:** Craig Thompson, right, equalised for Hythe

# Hythe begin warm-up with victory over Lydd

#### **FOOTBALL**

GOALS from Craig Thompson and Jamie Pickering saw Hythe Town come from behind in their first pre-season friendly to beat Lydd

With eight first-team players unavailable, Hythe manager Scott Porter was forced to call up several reserves for the short trip down the coast.

Lydd had several ex-Hythe players in their side and one of them, Scott Bouvier, put the home side in front after just five minutes

Summer signings Gary Mickelborough and Brendon Cass both got a run-out up front for Town, but it was Thompson who came up with the equaliser with a powerful finish. Pickering

then struck late on to pinch a narrow victory.

Hythe were in action at home to Whitstable
Town last night and continue their preparations with a trip to County League side Hollands & Blair this Saturday.

Town have been handed a tough start to the new Kent League season when it gets under way on August 7. Porter's men begin away to VCD Athletic, who finished in the top half of the Ryman North last season, but were demoted due to problems with their home ground.

last the course at Open

#### GOLF

PRINCE'S and Royal Cinque Ports had extra reasons to be glued to the Open Championship last weekend as both had golfers who made the cut.

Zane Scotland, attached to Prince's in Sandwich, and Steven Tiley, who plays out of Deal's Royal Cinque Ports, held their own at St Andrews after coming through qualifying.

Returning to the Open Championship 11 years after his debut, Scotland ended his tournament with a birdie at the last hole on Sunday to secure himself a share of 55th place.

Opening rounds of 70 and 74 saw Scotland comfortably make the cut and he celebrated his 28th birthday on Saturday with a level-par 72. A 74 on Sunday saw him finish the tournament on two-over-par, banishing the memories of his previous Open appearance when he missed the cut at Carnoustie in 1999.

Tiley, who lives in Herne Bay, ended up two shots further back in a share of 68th place after an eventful four days.

The 27-year-old's first round could scarcely have gone better. Taking advantage of the rare calm conditions on the Old Course, he shot a bogey-free round of 66 to claim a share of third place on six-under-par.

The weather took a turn for the worse in Friday's second round, with play suspended for more than an hour due to high winds.

Playing in the final group, Tiley had to finish his round on Saturday morning, carding a seven-over-par 79, but it was still



SUCCESS OFF TO A TEE: Zane Scotland, pictured, and Steven Tiley impressed at St Andrews

good enough to make the cut. Rounds of 73 and 74 represented a respectable finish to give Tiley, like Scotland, hope of a strong second half to the season.

#### **FOOTBALL**



**DAUNTING:** Neil Cugley's Folkestone have a tough start

# **Cugley eyes tough** season for Invicta

THE magnitude of the task facing Folkestone Invicta this season was brought home to manager Neil Cugley when the Ryman Premier fixtures were released last Friday.

After winning promotion via the play-offs last season, the Seasiders begin on August 21 at home to Croydon Athletic, who just pipped them to the Ryman South title.

The first six games also sees them play Aveley, Sutton United and Kingstonian, who all reached the play-offs last season, plus Tonbridge Angels and Ryman North champions Lowestoft Town.

With Invicta constrained while they pay off their debts, Cugley is operating on a tight budget this season and is aware of the difficulties that lie ahead.

He said: "I think seeing the fixtures make it seem more real. You stand there looking at them and even my missus said the start looks hard.

"You suddenly realise that in your first few games you've got Tonbridge, Lowestoft and Sutton, who I think will be in the play-offs, Croydon who have been bankrolled and

Aveley were in the play-offs last year.

"It does bring it home to you but the one thing I'm hoping is the players aren't frightened and go in with confidence. We have nothing to lose and hopefully we can enjoy it."

Invicta began their pre-season games away to Faversham Town last night but the players had a run-out against Canterbury City on Saturday, winning 5-0.

Only Micheal Everitt was unavailable for last night's game against the Kent League champions, with the midfielder on his honeymoon. The club are looking into arranging a friendly this weekend, but nothing had been confirmed by the time this paper went

Cugley said: "It doesn't matter too much, we've still got quite a few games coming up so I'm not desperate to get something sorted."

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